

About the Data Warehouse

In 2007, the agency received a legislative appropriation to build a Data Warehouse to improve reporting capabilities. When we began working on this project in late fall 2007, we didn't have a way to show what, why, and where monies were being distributed throughout the state. Today, answers to these types of questions can be quickly obtained through the new Department of Commerce Data Warehouse.

Each section of the navigation bar has a help document. Try out the various charts, views and reports. Some charts are clickable to another level of detail. The GIS section may take a few seconds to load up so be patient.

Some parts of the Data Warehouse require a good knowledge and understanding of detailed data mining using Excel 2007 Pivot Tables, so don't get frustrated if you don't understand what you are looking at or how to navigate the data. In August and September 2009 IS will provide training to power users and division trainers starting next week. Once staff in your division are trained on using the Data Warehouse, you can contact them to answer any questions you have. IS staff are available to demonstrate the Data Warehouse features at divisional staff meetings.

We are very excited about this new tool. Data tells a story. Especially in these economically challenging times, decisions are being driven by data. We must show the citizens of Washington how their money is being invested.

Enjoy!